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They are enforced of very necessity to *press* the best and greatest part of their men out of the West countries, which is no small charge.

The endeavour to raise new men for the recruit of the army by *pressing*, found opposition in many places.

The peaceful peasant to the wars is *press*,
The fields lie fallow in inglorious rest.

Must grandison Filbert to the wars be *press*,
You were *pressed* for the sea-service, and got off with much ado.

To *press*. *v. n.*

1. To act with compulsive violence; to urge; to distress. If there be fair proofs on the one side, and none at all on the other, and if the most *pressing* difficulties be on that side, on which there are no proofs, this is sufficient to render one opinion very credible, and the other altogether incredible.

A great many uneasinesses always soliciting the will, it is natural, that the greatest and most *pressing* should determine it to the next action.

2. To go forward with violence to any object.

I make bold to *press*
With so little preparation.

You're welcome.
I *press* toward the mark for the prize.

The Turks gave a great shout, and *pressed* in on all sides, to have entered the breach.

Thronging crowds *press* on you as you pass,
And with their eager joy make triumph flow.

Th' insulting victor *presses* on the more,
And treads the steps the vanquish'd trod before.

She is always drawn in a posture of walking, it being as natural for Hope to *press* forward to her proper objects, as for Fear to fly from them.

Let us not therefore faint, or be weary in our journey, much less turn back or sit down in despair; but *press* cheerfully forward to the high mark of our calling.

3. To make invasion; to encroach.

On superior powers
Were we to *press*, inferior might *ours*.

4. To crowd; to throng.
For he had healed many, inasmuch that they *pressed* upon him for to touch him.

Counsel the may; and I will give thy ear
The knowledge first of what is fit to hear:
What I transact with others or alone,

Beware to learn; not *press* too near the throne.

5. To come unseasonably or importunately.
To urge with vehemence and importunity.
He *pressed* upon them greatly; and they turned in.

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The let blood he drew, the more he took of treasure;
and, as some construed it, he was the more sparing in the one, that he might be the more *pressing* in the other.

So thick the thiv'ring army stands,
And *press* for passage with extended hands.

7. To act upon or influence.
When arguments *press* equally in matters indifferent, the safest method is to give up ourselves to neither.

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11. The instrument by which any thing is crushed or squeezed.
The *press* is full, the fats overflow.

12. When one came to the *press* fats to draw out fifty vessels out of the *press*, there were but twenty.

13. The stomach and intestines are the *press*, and the lacteal vessels the strainers, to separate the pure emulsion from the faces.

14. They kept their cloaths, when they were not worn, constantly in a *press*, to give them a lustre.

15. The instrument by which books are printed.
These letters are of the second edition; he will print them out of doubt, for he cares not what he puts into the *press*, when he would put us two in.

16. Crowd; tumult; throng.
Paul and Barnabas, when infidels admiring their virtues, went about to sacrifice unto them, rent their garments in token of horror, and as frightened, ran crying through the *press* of the people, O men wherefore do ye these things.

17. She held a great gold chain ylinked well,
Whose upper end to highest heaven was knit,
And lower part did reach to lowest hell,
And all that *press* did round about her swell,
To catchen hold of that long chain.

18. Who is it in the *press* that calls on me?
I hear a tongue, shriller than all the music,
Cry, Caesar.

19. Death having prey'd upon the outward parts,
Leaves them intemperate; his fire is now
Against the mind; the which he pricks and wounds
With many legions of strange fantasies;

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Which in their throng, and *press* to that last hold,
Confound themselves.

Ambitious Turnus in the *press* appears,
And aggravating crimes augment their fears.

A new express all Agra does affright,
Darah and Aurengzebe are join'd in fight;

The *press* of people thickens to the court,
Th' impatient croud devouring the report.

Through the *press* enrag'd Thalestris flies,
And scatters deaths around from both her eyes.

4. A kind of wooden case or frame for cloaths and other uses.
Creep into the kill hole.—Neither *press*, coffer, chest, trunk; but he hath an abstract for the remembrance of such places.

5. A commission to force men into military service.
If I be not ashamed of my soldiers, I am a fow'd gullet;
I have misus'd the king's *press* damnably.

Concerning the mullets and *presses* for sufficient mariners to serve in his majesty's ships, either the care is very little, or the bribery very great.

6. *PRE'SSED*. *n. f.* [*press* and *bed*.] Bed so formed, as to be shut up in a case.

7. *PRE'SSER*. *n. f.* [from *press*.] One that presses or works at a press. Of the stulls I give the profits to dyers and *pressers*.

8. *PRE'SSGANG*. *n. f.* [*press* and *gang*.] A crew that strolls about the streets to force men into naval service.

9. *PRE'SSINGLY*. *adv.* [from *pressing*.] With force; closely. The one contracts his words, speaking *pressingly* and short; the other delights in long-breathed accents.

10. *PRE'SSION*. *n. f.* [from *press*.] The act of pressing. If light consisted only in *pression*, propagated without actual motion, it would not be able to agitate and heat the bodies, which reflect and reflect it: if it consisted in motion, propagated to all distances in an instant, it would require an infinite force every moment, in every shining particle, to generate that motion: and if it consisted in *pression* or motion, propagated either in an instant or in time, it would bend into the shadow.

11. *PRE'SSANT*. *adj.* Gravitating; heavy. A word not in use. Neither the celestial matter of the vortices, nor the air, nor water are *pressant* in their proper places.

12. *PRE'SSMAN*. *n. f.* [*press* and *man*.] One who forces another into service; one who forces away. One only path to all; by which the *pressmen* came.

13. *PRE'SSMONEY*. *n. f.* [*press* and *money*.] Money given to a soldier when he is taken or forced into the service. Here Peasgood, take my pouch, 'tis all I own,

14. *PRE'SSURE*. *n. f.* [from *press*.] The state of being pressed or crushed. 1. The act of pressing or crushing.

2. The state of being pressed or crushed. Force acting against any thing; gravitation; pressure.

3. The inequality of the pressure of parts appareth in this; that if you take a body of stone, and another of wood of the same magnitude and shape, and throw them with equal force, you cannot throw the wood so far as the stone.

4. Although the glasses were a little convex, yet this transparent spot was of a considerable breadth, which breadth seemed principally to proceed from the yielding inwards of the parts of the glasses, by reason of their mutual pressure.

5. The blood flows through the vessels by the excess of the force of the heart above the incumbent pressure, which in fat people is excessive.

6. Violence inflicted; oppression. A wife father ingenuously confessed, that those, which persuaded pressure of consciences, were commonly interested therein.

7. Affliction; grievance; distress. Mine own and my people's pressures are grievous, and peace would be very pleasing.

8. The genuine price of lands in England would be twenty years purchase, were it not for accidental pressures under which it labours.

9. To this consideration he retreats, in the midst of all his pressures, with comfort; in this thought, notwithstanding the sad afflictions with which he was overwhelmed, he mightily exults.

10. Excellent was the advice of Elephas to Job, in the midst of his great troubles and pressures, acquaint thyself now with God, and be at peace.

11. Impression; stamp; character made by impression. From my memory I'll wipe away all trivial fond records,
All faws of books, all forms, all pressures past,
That youth and observation copy'd there.

12. *PRE'ST*. *adj.* [*press* or *prest*, Fr.] Ready; not dilatory. This is said to have been the original sense of the word *press* men; men, not forced into the service, as now we understand it, but men, for a certain sum received, *press* or ready to march at command.

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Each mind is *press*, and open every ear,
To hear new tidings, though they no way joy us.

Gritus desired nothing more than, at his first entrance, to have confirmed the opinion of his authority in the minds of the vulgar people, by the *press* and ready attendance of the Vayood.

2. Neat; tight. In both senses the word is obsolete. More wealth any where, to be brece
More people, more handsome and *press*!
Where find ye?

3. *PREST*. *n. f.* [*press*, Fr.] A loan. He required of the city a *prest* of six thousand marks; but, after many parleys, he could obtain but two thousand pounds.

4. *PRESTIGATION*. *n. f.* [*prestigatio*, Lat.] A deceiving; a juggling; a playing legerdmain. A deceiving; a juggling; a playing legerdmain.

5. *PRESTIGES*. *n. f.* [*prestigie*, Lat.] Illusions; impostures; juggling tricks.

6. *PRE'STRO*. *n. f.* [*prestro*, Italian.] Quick; at once. A word used by those that show legerdmain.

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Let my *presumption* not provoke thy wrath;
For I am sorry, that with reverence
I did not entertain thee as thou art.

It warns a wariar carriage in the thing,
Left blind *presumption* work their ruin.

I had the *presumption* to dedicate to you a very unfinished piece.

5. Unreasonable confidence of divine favour.
The awe of his majesty will keep us from *presumption*, and the promises of his mercy from despair.

6. *PRESUMPTIVE*. *adj.* [*presumptive*, Fr. from *presume*.] Taken by previous supposition.
We commonly take shape and colour for so *presumptive* ideas of several species, that, in a good picture, we readily say this is a lion, and that a rose.

7. Supposed; as, the presumptive heir: opposed to the heir apparent.

8. Confident; arrogant; presumptuous.
There being two opinions repugnant to each other, it may not be *presumptive* or sceptical to doubt of both.

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